

Town of Enfield, Connecticut Plan of Conservation & Development Community Survey



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Dear Enfield Resident:

We **need your help developing** the new Plan of Conservation and Development for the Town of Enfield. The Plan of Conservation and Development will define **the community's vision for the future of Enfield**. The vision will capture our community's identity and our relationship to neighboring communities, and shape the way Enfield will look and function over the next 20 years. The plan will address issues related to population changes, residential and business development, transportation and utility infrastructure, environmental protection, and facilities for recreation and other public services. The Plan of Conservation and Development is a critical tool to meet the community's needs, and your participation will affect the success of the plan.

We ask that you share your opinion about various issues in Enfield by taking a few minutes to answer the questions that follow. Please print and fill-out this survey form. When you have completed the survey, please return it to one of the following locations:

- Enfield Public Library- a box has been provided to the librarian to collect the survey
- Enfield Planning Department- simply drop off your survey at our office in Town Hall

We appreciate your time and efforts helping us plan for the future of Enfield. In addition to this survey, there will be a number of public forums throughout this planning process that will provide more opportunities for public input. We hope you will be able to attend these forums. Look for notices and advertisements in the local media and on the Town's website at <http://www.enfield-ct.gov>. To sign up for future email messages related to the Plan of Conservation and Development, please send a message to jginer@enfield.org.

Sincerely,

José Giner, Director
Department of Planning and Zoning
Town of Enfield, CT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read the following statements, and mark with an X the number that corresponds to your opinion.

		1	2	3	4	5
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Public Services						
1	I feel I am well informed about the Town's offices and services					
2	Preserving quality of life is a priority of Town leaders					
3	I am satisfied with the following public services:					
	a Police					
	b Fire					
	c Ambulance					
	d Road maintenance					
	e Public transportation					
	f Water and Sewer					
	g Recreation					
	h Public education					
4	I believe these services are prepared for the future					
5	I feel safe in Enfield					
	a Please list any issues you have with public safety in Enfield:					
6	In general, I am satisfied with the value of Town services I receive in return for taxes paid					
Community Identity and Design						
7	Enfield has a strong sense of identity					
8	The character and appearance of residential areas in Enfield is of high quality					
9	The character and appearance of commercial areas in Enfield is of high quality					
10	Historic resources should be protected through local, state and national landmark and district designations and regulations					
11	Historic preservation in the following areas is a Town priority:					
	a Thompsonville					
	b Hazardville					
	c Scitico					
12	The best thing about living in Enfield is:					
13	The thing about Enfield that needs the most improvement is:					
Environment and Sustainability						
14	Energy and water conservation and waste reduction should be a priority of Town government					
15	The Town deals with flooding appropriately					
16	The Town has effective measures to address runoff, erosion, surface and ground water pollution					
17	Open and forested land should continue to be protected					
18	Steep slopes and wetlands should continue to be protected					
Recreation						
19	The Town of Enfield needs to create a network of paths and open spaces that will enable walking, hiking, biking, canoeing, birdwatching, fishing, etc.					
20	Additional sports facilities are needed in Enfield, including baseball, softball, soccer, pool, ice rink, etc.					
21	There is a need for more community and/or youth centers and cultural facilities, such as a theater, library, museum, etc.					
22	There is a need for a central park or open space area where all Enfield residents can gather as one community					
23	I am willing to pay more for more/better recreational and cultural facilities					

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Land Use						
24	I feel I am well-informed about Town land use and zoning regulations					
25	The existing zoning code is adequately enforced					
26	The existing zoning code effectively achieves Town goals					
27	The location and density of residential development is appropriate					
28	Industrial, commercial and retail uses are appropriately located					
29	The Town should encourage the following types of development:					
	a	Single-family residential				
	b	Multi-family residential				
	c	Retirement communities				
	d	Mixed use (residential/commercial in same building)				
	e	"Main Street" retail				
	f	Visitor accommodations				
	g	Office parks				
	h	Light industrial/technology parks				
	i	Heavy industrial parks				
	j	Recreation facilities/areas				
30	What type of development would be appropriate for the Thompsonville waterfront?					
	a	Passive open space and trails only				
	b	Mixed-use with trail access				
	c	No development; current use and access are fine.				
Transportation and Circulation						
31	The Town road system is adequate for the current population and future growth					
32	Traffic is a significant issue/problem in Enfield					
	a	Please list the roads and intersections where there are problems:				
33	Pedestrian safety is an issue/problem in Enfield					
	a	Please list the roads and intersections where there are problems:				
34	Bicycle safety is an issue/problem in Enfield					
	a	Please list the roads and intersections where there are problems:				
35	Of the locations you have listed above, which should be the top three priorities for improvement over the next 3 to 5 years?					
36	The Town is adequately served by public transportation (bus, train)					
37	I would use public transportation if it were provided in Enfield (bus, train)					
38	Funding should be increased for:					
	a	Improving connectivity between Enfield's neighborhoods and commercial and open space uses				
	b	Creating greenways and trails, including walking and biking trails				
	c	Public transportation (bus and train)				
	d	Other. Please specify:				

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Economy							
39	The Town should support business development and entrepreneurs						
40	Agriculture in Enfield should be encouraged and protected						
41	More jobs in Enfield will help the Town retain families						
42	A new industrial/office park will attract light industry, research and technology businesses to Enfield						
43	Existing retail adequately serves Town residents						
	a	What types of retail are needed?					
44	The Town of Enfield has potential as a tourist destination						
45	Enfield can market itself better as a destination for business and investment by:						
	a	Making the Town more visually appealing					
	b	Making the Town easier to get around					
	c	Developing historic and cultural attractions					
	d	Enhancing open space and recreation					
	e	Other. Please specify:					
46		The Town offers a variety of housing types to meet current and prospective residents' needs					
47		The Town has sufficient housing that is affordable to all incomes					

Personal Information								
Please tell us about yourself...								
48	What is your age?				18 – 34	35 – 49	50 – 64	65 +
49	Including yourself, how many adults live in your residence?				1	2	3 – 5	6 or more
50	How many children (under 18) live in your residence?			0	1	2	3 – 5	6 or more
51	Do you own or rent the residence in which you live?					Own	Rent	Other
52	What is your employment status?			Employed in Enfield	Employed elsewhere	Student	Retired	Other
53	What is your annual household income?	Less than \$ 10,000	\$ 10,000 – \$ 29,999	\$ 30,000 – \$ 49,999	\$ 50,000 – \$ 74,999	\$ 75,000 – \$ 99,999	\$ 100,000 – \$ 149,999	\$ 150,000 +
54	What is your highest level of education?		Below High School	High School Diploma	Some College	Associate degree	Bachelor's degree	Post graduate degree
55	Do you expect to move from Enfield in the near future?						Yes	No
	a	If yes, why?						

Are there any other issues about which we should be aware? Please feel free to enclose additional thoughts!

You have completed the survey. Thank you very much!